

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, and rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Additionally, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,304,523 ("Jones"). In this Amendment, claims 1-3, 8-13, and 16-20 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to the claims in light of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs

Claims 1-3, 8-13, and 16-20 have been amended to address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to the claims.

III. Jones Does Not Render the Current Independent Claims Unpatentable

Amended independent claims 1, 8, 16, and 18 each recite obtaining a stored located of a song from a third storage unit, adding the obtained music information about a song to music data at the obtained stored location, and storing the music data comprising the added music information in a first storage unit. Jones fails to disclose at least this limitation.

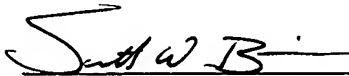
Jones is directed to a multiple CD changer that obtains music information relating to a CD from a remote database. In Jones, the CD changer displays the obtained music information when playing the CD. However, the CD changer does not store the music data from the CD locally, or append the obtained music information to music data stored locally as recited in the independent claims. For at least this reason, Jones necessarily cannot render independent claims 1, 8, 16, and 18, or any claim that

depends on independent claims 1, 8, 16, and 18, unpatentable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to the claims.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

Respectfully submitted,

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